

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thanks everyone for supporting our school summer fete on Saturday. Many parents have told me how much their children enjoyed the afternoon and this positive feedback is most welcome. We raised just over £2,400 – all funds raised will be used to update our classroom technology. Unfortunately the Falconry display wasn't able to go ahead on Saturday but we are in the process of arranging for the display to take place on our last day of term. More news about other activities we have planned for Friday 21 July will follow in due course.

Consultation documentation regarding the Hadrian Learning Trust proposal to bring together Queen Elizabeth High School and Hexham Middle School to create a single 11-18 Secondary school has now been circulated. I would ask you all to take time to read and consider the content. The education of our children is clearly an emotive subject and it is wise to be fully informed. However, I would like to reassure you on behalf of everyone at Corbridge First School that we will continue to provide a first class education for your children no matter what decision is reached.

Well done to Year 2...they survived a very wet visit to Gibside on Tuesday...by good fortune it happens that as well as investigating different habitats, they also took part in an activity to create shelters...I hope they were waterproof!

We are looking forward to the exciting upcoming events in our last three weeks of term including Transfer Day, Sports Days, the Nursery Graduation ceremony and, of course, the Year Four Leavers' show.

Enjoy the weekend.

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley

Head Teacher



Year 3 ... following heavy rain this week we experienced water damage to the ceiling in the Year 3 classroom. The children were accommodated in the library area on Wednesday but following repairs the same day they were able to return to their classroom on Thursday. Here's hoping the weather improves soon!

Design a Sail Competition – well done to Hugh in Year 2. Hugh designed an amazing sail for the little pond yacht and received a unique, personalised Pond Yacht featuring his very own sail design.

Swimming Gala – Twelve children from Year 3 and Year 4 – Grace, Harvey, Millie, George, Frances, Jessica, Jacob, Ella, Ethan, Nuha, Jack and Oliver represented CFS at the Schools' Swimming Gala at the Wentworth on Monday 26 June. They had a very busy and exciting morning with Grace, Harvey and Frances all making it to the final of their individual events. Frances went on to win her race and receive a gold medal! Miss Florek and Mrs Morphet accompanied the children and said our children behaved impeccably and put in a fantastic team effort. Congratulations to the team for swimming well and for supporting and cheering each other during every race!

Sports Day takes place at 1.30pm Monday 17 July 2017 (weather permitting). The playground gate will be opened at 1.25pm for parents to join us on the field. The children will take part in a carousel of activities to allow everyone to compete as part of a team, followed by an individual sprint race to allow individuals to shine. Certificates will be awarded to recognise some individual achievements which will be displayed on the school website.

The children have been split into four teams – **Green** **Blue** **Yellow** and **White** and we would be grateful if your child could wear a t-shirt in the colour of their team – a letter detailing your child's team will be sent home early next week.

School Reports will be issued on Friday 14 July. Parents are invited to share views regarding the report by completing the parent contribution form. There will be an opportunity for parents to drop in to see their child's teacher between 3.00 and 4.00pm on Wednesday 19 July if there are any concerns arising from the report.

Milk Orders – Autumn Term 2017 - Letters and reply slips went out this week detailing the cost of milk for the autumn term 2017 - £14.90. If you would like to order milk for your child please let us have your reply slip and payment by Friday 14 July 2017. We can still accept orders for milk after this date but milk will not be available for late orders until the second week of the autumn term.



Year 3 swimming – The last swimming lesson will take place on Monday 3 July.

Diary dates are printed on page 3....new dates will be added regularly so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group...dates added or amended this week are marked in red.

Corbridge Church of England First School - Diary Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 4 July	Nursery closed due to Transfer Day	
Tuesday 4 July	<p>Transfer Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher• Nursery is closed on 4 July as children due to start nursery in September 2017 will be having their visit day. Children due to join our Reception class will be having their welcome day and meeting their teacher.• If your child is joining our Reception class in September, please bring them to the school playground for 9.15am. Their welcome visit runs from 9.15am to 12 noon. They will have their lunch in school as usual that day.	
Thursday 6 July	<p>Picnic Lunch and Teddy Bears – Mrs Dobson, our Cook, will be providing a special ‘Picnic’ school lunch. For the main course there will be a choice of sandwich (tuna, cheese or ham), juice (apple or orange) and vegetable sticks (carrot or cucumber) as well as ready salted crisps and flapjack. Weather permitting the children will have lunch outside. If your child usually has a packed lunch we will send a note home nearer to the time to ask if your child would like a school picnic lunch .</p> <p><i>Teddy Bears Welcome!</i> Children are welcome to bring along their teddy bear or other soft toy to join them at the picnic. Please ensure that teddy is wearing a secure tag with your child’s name so that they don’t get lost!</p>	
Friday 7 July (afternoon)	Years 1 and 2 – Hey Piggy Piggy – show at QEHS for KS1 children about money, materials and warm homes, with animation, live music and action (commissioned and funded by the National Energy Action charity).	
Monday 17 July	Sports Day will take place at 1.30pm on 17 July (weather permitting). The playground gate will be opened at 1.25pm for parents to join us on the field. There will be a carousel of activities to allow all the children to compete as part of a team, followed by an individual sprint race to allow individuals to shine. Certificates will be awarded to recognise some individual achievements which will be displayed on the school website.	
Tuesday 18 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 19 July	Parent Open Door – opportunity for parents to drop in to see their child’s teacher between 3.00 and 4.00pm if there are any concerns arising from your child’s school report which will be issued on 14 July.	
Thursday 20 July	Year 4 Leavers’ Concert	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September.		

Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library....and get £100 for yourself. This takes less than 2 minutes...honestly! Click on <http://po.st/schools17> - fill in your name, email, postcode and our school name ...it’s as simple as that!

The closing date is Monday 31 July 2017 at 11:59pm.

